The Intellectual and Leadership Center of the Air Force

AWC Overview

We make a difference…

one student at a time

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Distance Learning

Current Curriculum - 16th Edition

Develop America's Airmen Today ... for Tomorrow

- **Launched Jan 06; focus on senior leader issues**
- **Prerequisite Elective**
  - **Four electives available entirely online**
    - **10-lessons each**
  - **Multiple-choice exam**
- **Two Core Curriculum courses:**
  - **Institutional Leadership course (IL)**
  - **International Security / Foundations of Warfighting course (IS/FW)**
  - **27 lessons total**
  - **IL evaluation: leadership writing assignment (senior mentor) + short-answer written exam**
  - **IS/FW evaluation: multiple-choice exam**
- **C2 of Air and Space Forces Doctrine refresher module delivered online**
  - **Pass / Fail multiple-choice exam (self critiquing)**

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Curriculum Delivery

Develop America's Airmen Today ... for Tomorrow

- **Prerequisite Elective**
  - **Entirely online**
  - **Multiple-choice exam via Student Information System (SIS)**
- **Two Core Curriculum courses:**
  - **Book mailing for each course**
    - **Includes CD with video taped resident lectures**
  - **All material also available online**
  - **All evaluations via SIS**
    - **Upload writing assignment**
    - **Short-answer exam**
    - **Multiple-choice exam**
- **C2 of Air and Space Forces online**
  - **Multiple-choice exam (self critiquing) online**
    - **Reported to SIS**

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Authorized Personnel

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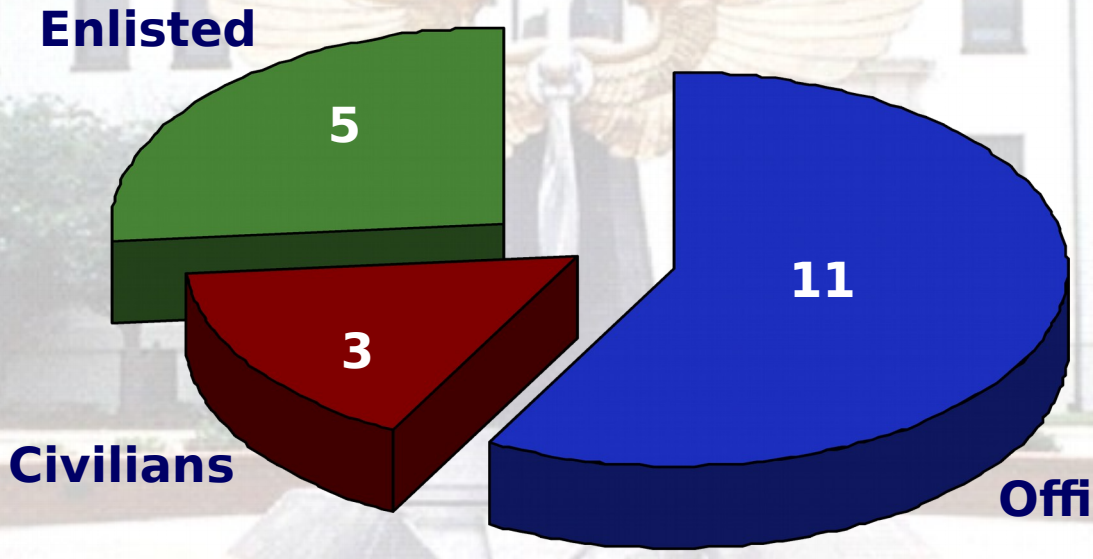
19 Total



Fac Advisors: 8 lt cols, 1 civilian (grade papers, curr dev/SME, stud mgmt

Technology: 2 lt cols, 1 enlisted (deleted 1 Oct), 1 civilian

Student Services: 4 enlisted

Dean + secretary

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Curriculum Development – 17th Edition

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- **Core Courses (5) and Electives (1) based on Res Program**
  - **Mirror as closely as possible – 5 core courses**
    - **Foundations of Strategy and Leadership**
    - **National Security Decision Making**
    - **Global Security**
    - **Joint Military Operations I / II**
  - **Each core course: 12 lessons; approximately 900 pages**
  - **Delete book readings; find suitable substitute**
  - **Copyright costs / approval process**
  - **More comprehensive course / lesson introductions**
  - **Mix of short answer test / essays**
- **8 electives, all online, 10 lessons, 500 pages, short answer**
- **Curriculum Developer: Lt Col PhD / SDE grad / reservist**
  - **Faculty Advisors are SMEs for courses; assist with introductions**
- **Integrated course brief with resident school to Commandant**

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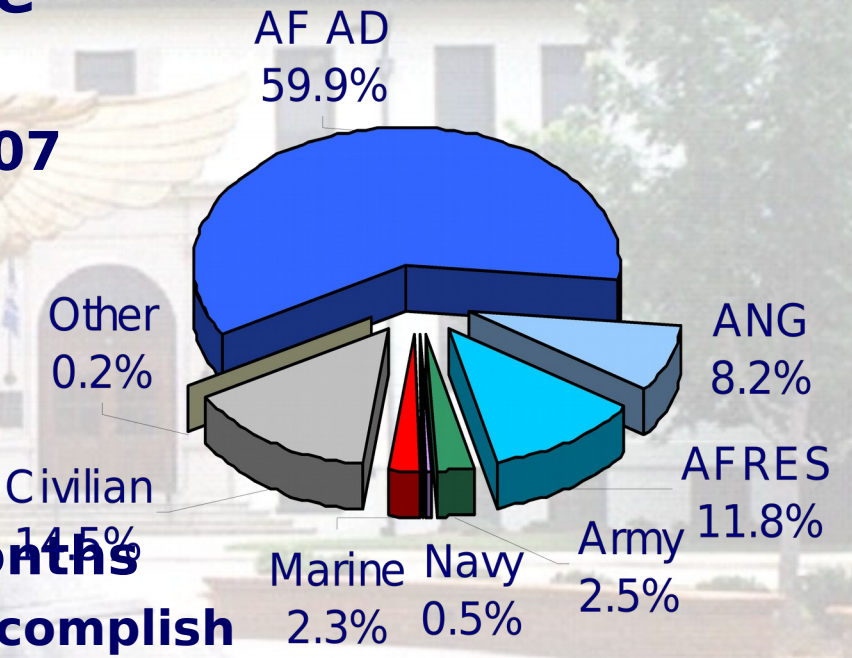
Students

Develop America's Airmen Today ... for Tomorrow

- **~ 6,000 Students Worldwide**
  - **2,887 Graduates in 2006**
  - **1,586 Graduates as of 30 Jun 07**
  - **650:1 Student-faculty Ratio**
  - **$30 Per Student Per Year**
  - **$200K Total Program Cost**
- **Methods of Enrollment:**
  - **Student-Led Seminar: 10+ months**
    - **Students must individually accomplish requirements**
  - **Correspondence: 8-12 months**
  - **Guard / Reserve Seminar: 2 per year**



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Initiatives

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- Senior Mentor
- C2 of Air and Space Forces Doctrine Refresher
  - More to follow: Warfighter Developmental Education (WDE)
- Air Reserve Component Seminar
- Language: Rosetta Stone beginning 1 Oct
  - 250 licenses until 31 Jul 08
  - Replaces elective if successfully completed within time limit
- Culture: Cross Cultural Leadership Simulation
  - Requirement to graduate
- 17th Edition launch Spring-Summer ’08
  - Resolves most PAJE SAV issues, except interaction, faculty qual / #s
- Migrate to course format rather than entire editions
    - Requires resident school stability

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Summary

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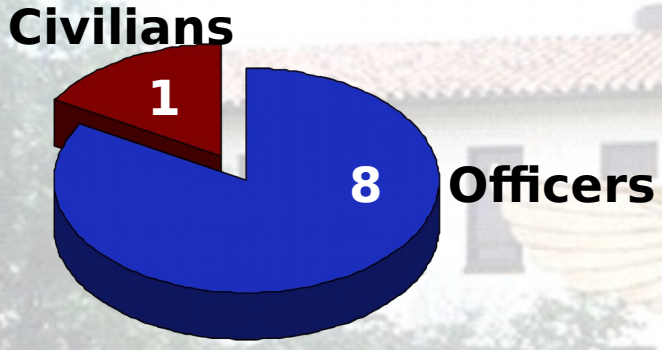
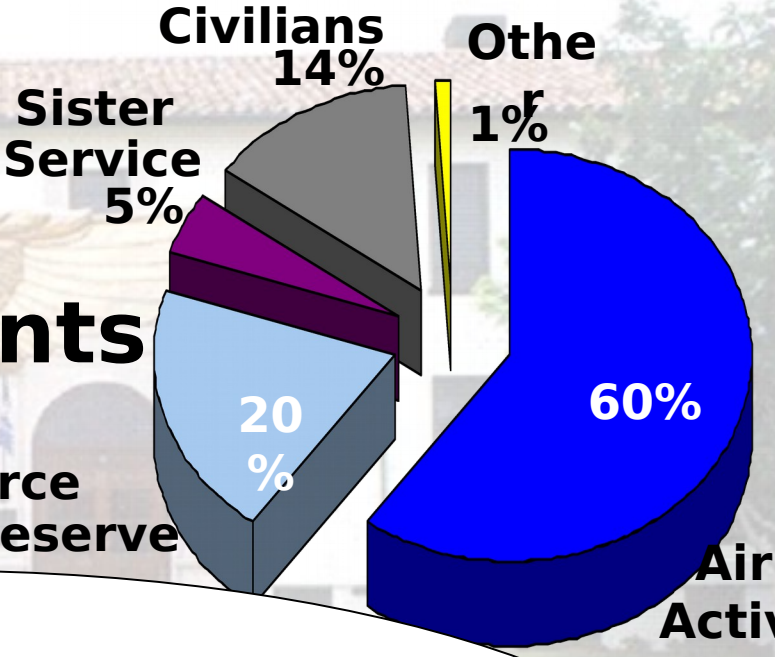


Faculty
9 Total

Students



- Fills SDE requirement for those unable to attend in residence
- Open enrollment~ 6,000 students enrolled
- ~2,500+ graduates yearly
- New 17th Edition being developed (Spring 08 release)
  - More closely mirrors Resident Program
  - Increased rigor

QUESTIONS?